

1. A conference was held in [REDACTED] on 6 October 1960 for the purpose of discussing proposed revisions in the current Counterintelligence (CI) Familiarization and Operations Courses. The officers named on the attached list attended.

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2. [REDACTED] opened the meeting by explaining the purpose of the conference. He remarked upon past accomplishments and future goals. He stated that recommendations contained in student critiques, discussions with students and talks with various interested officers pointed up the need for a revision of the present CI courses and an inclusion in these courses of a more advanced type of training. He explained that he did not expect to evaluate the students who would be eligible for attendance in the proposed CI Operations Course (revised). He stated that the folders provided each officer participating in the conference contained copies of a current CI Operations Course schedule, a proposed CI course schedule for calendar year 1961, proposed requirements for admission to a revised CI Operations Course, proposed objectives of a revised CI Operations Course, and two proposed training schedules for a revised CI Operations Course - one based on an area approach and the second based on a functional approach. The conference was then opened for discussion. Questions raised by the various conferees and selected portions of the ensuing discussion are outlined below, not specifically in order of importance.

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a. Student Admission and Prerequisites

The discussion here was concerned with who should be admitted to the CI courses and who should be excluded and what requirements these people should meet.

[REDACTED] remarked upon a survey instituted by his predecessor to determine the number of Clandestine Services personnel who had attended CI training courses. He stated that the results were inconclusive because all divisions have not yet submitted figures.

[REDACTED] mentioned a survey conducted in 1956-57 to determine the level of experience and training among officers actively engaged day-to-day in CI activity. He stated that this survey indicated that 3 of 4 officers were inexperienced and had never been trained. His opinion was that by this date this proportion has been drastically reduced.

[REDACTED] asked if there was any way of controlling enrollments. [REDACTED] replied that the CI course instructors exercise no control over this but that he understood that the CI Staff and the OTR registrar are jointly responsible.

Messrs. [REDACTED] agreed that entrance requirements should be established. There followed a general discussion as to the merits of allowing only DDP/CI officers to take the CI Operations Course.

[REDACTED] stated that he opposed any decision to preclude the attendance of officers other than those engaged in or who would engage in CI activity from CI training courses. He objected also to any

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requirement that medium to high level [redacted] officers complete the CI Familiarization (revised) course prior to attending the CI Operations (revised) Course. 25X1A8a

25X1A9a [redacted] opinion that CI training should not be restricted to "CI Operators" - this refers to the CI Operations Course (revised), since officers engaged in other clandestine tasks [redacted] and [redacted] etc) must have a knowledge of CI for better protection of their own activities. 25X1A8a 25X1A8a

25X1A9a [redacted] questioned the wisdom of restricting the CI training courses to Clandestine Services personnel with the thought that there might not be enough students to justify running the classes.

25X1A9a [redacted] favored the restriction of the number of students in each CI Operations Course (revised) to a maximum of 12, and general agreement was reached that persons admitted to the course be DD/P officers.

b. Revised CI Courses Content

25X1A9a [redacted] asked if there was general agreement as to the proposed course content. 25X1A6a

25X1A9a [redacted] - a returnee from the Operations Course at [redacted] about to attend the present CI Operations Course - objected to repeating several subjects in which he had been instructed at [redacted] These subjects are scheduled for inclusion in the CI Familiarization Course (revised). 25X1A6a

25X1A9a [redacted] explained that a hard look would be taken at this situation although he did not feel that a certain amount of repetition is necessarily to be deplored. He stated that in the revised course many of the technical subjects, e.g., [redacted] etc., which are given expanded coverage in the current course would be compressed into a two hour talk and that many items of technical equipment displayed in the current course would be eliminated or minimized. 25X1A

25X1A9a [redacted] raised the question of whether the proposed revised CI Operations Course is in fact to be a new and advanced course or whether the same old "dogs" were being assembled within a new frame of reference. 25X1A

25X1A9a [redacted] explained that he expected - in the revised course - a great deal more coverage of such subjects as [redacted] Agents, etc., from officers participating in the training. He pointed out that responsibility for newer and better case materials would necessarily devolve upon area divisions since OTR has no current material of this type.

25X1A9a [redacted] proposed that various speciality courses, e.g., [redacted] etc., be added to a "basic" CI course. 25X1A14a

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25X1A9a [redacted] questioned whether three such courses were within  
the capability of OTR.

25X1A9a [redacted] agreed generally with [redacted] and said he felt  
that a seminar type session for CI specialists might be the answer rather  
than attempting to use the proposed CI Operations Course (revised) for  
this purpose.

25X1A9a [redacted] agreed with [redacted] and submitted that a place  
is needed where, in a seminar-type session, experienced CI people could  
gather and discuss CI experiences.

25X1A9a [redacted] asked if OTR could provide such a place and mechanism,  
and Mr. [redacted] said he believed such would be possible.

25X1A9a 3. [redacted] closed the conference after stating that he would  
call upon various conferees to act in a work group or steering committee to  
develop the detailed schedules and content for a revised CI Operations Course.